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R 050134Z DEC 74
FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5085
INFO AMCONSUL MERIDA
AMCONSUL NUEVO LAREDO

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR MRN 10281 VICE 10177

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASUP, MX

SUBJ: EARLY VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

1. AMCONSUL MERIDA REPORTED ON 12/3 THAT POST'S ONLY GOV,
1970 PLYMOUTH BELVEDERE STATION WAGON, INV. NO. 051004,
DEADLINED INDEFINITELY ON ACCOUNT BURNT OUT ENGINE. REPAIR
NOT FEASIBLE AND REPLACEMENT MOTOR OF MEXICAN MANUFACTURE
WOULD COST OVER US 1000. VEHICLE SCHEDULED FOR FY 1975
REPLACEMENT AND HAS ESTIMATED RESALE VALUE NOW OF US 2500
IF IN RUNNING CONDITION, ABOUT US 1500 AS IS.

2. POST HAS CONTINUING URGENT NEED FOR OFFICIAL VEHICLE
WHICH EMBASSY CAN SATISFY TEMPORARILY ONLY BY SHIFTING
ASSETS WITHIN COUNTRY FLEET. AT EXPENSE OTHER VITAL
OPERATIONS. IDEAL SOLUTION TO PROBLEM WOULD BE EARLY
REPLACEMENT; THAT IS WITHIN 60-90 DAYS. THIS WOULD ONLY
BE POSSIBLE IF CATEGORY "A" STATION WAGON OR SEDAN AVAILABLE
TO BE DIVERTED TO MEXICO, HOWEVER, WE REALIZE MEXICAN
GOVT REGULATIONS RESTRICT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN THIS
REGARD AS OPR/ST AWARE, WE AGREED (MEXICO 8584) TO DIVERSION
ONE (PR 471507) OF TWO UTILITY VEHICLES TO SATISFY
URGENT REQUIREMENT ELSEWHERE. SO FAR WE HAVE NO WORD
ON SHIPMENT OR ETA SECOND VEHICLE. IT WOULD HELP A LOT
IF DELIVERY THAT UNIT COULD BE ACCELERATED.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. URGENT AND EXPEDITED REPLACEMENT MERIDA VEHICLE WITH 1974
OR 1975 MODEL CATEGORY "A" STATION WAGON. AIR CONDITIONING,
LIGHT COLOR, HEAVY DUTY OPTIONS REQUIRED.

B. AUTHORITY SELL MERIDA VEHICLE, INV. NO. 051004.

C. ACCELERATED DELIVERY UTILITY VEHICLE COVERED PR 471506
TO NUEVO LAREDO FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT IN MEXICO.
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